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The Great News-paper of Central California.

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Large and Small.

We the Republican, one year ago, had

the largest circulation in the state.

Daily Broadcast, one-half year later,

we had the largest circulation in the state.

A resolution states that the author

killed in the Maine disaster will be in

American soil. Cuban or American, you

will do for the yellow correspondents.

One of the handiest illustrated

editions of the year has been issued by

the *Panama Press*. It furnishes

abundant evidence that both Panamans

and the *Press* are all right.

The voting on the proposition to

accept a six tract of land in a park

isn't as lively as a vote on the

question "Who is the most popular

person in town?" would be.

The necessity of producing Secretary

Sherman's picture in the papers in con-

nection with articles on the Maine does

not appear. He is completely over-

shadowed by Statesmen Pulitzer, Hearst

and Spreckels.

GOVERNOR BROWN has committed the sin-

of another murderer. Committing

sentences of criminals is something that

may easily be overdone, and it is hoped

that the Governor will know when to

stop. In fact, isn't it time to stop now?

The St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* says

that Lincoln was a partisan. He was

indeed, in the best sense of the word;

a partisan free from demagoguery or

sectional bias. The Republic cannot

have too many partisans like Abraham

Lincoln.

CONGRESSMAN BARLOW of the Sixth

California district says that no power

under heaven can prevent a war be-

tween Spain and this country. Yes,

and no power above the other place can

prevent Mr. Barlow's return to pri-

vate life next fall.

We may be a little short on some

kinds of warships when it comes to

meeting Spain in battle array, but

should the haughty Dogs see our list

of generals and colonels before it is too

late they will think twice and then take

the case under advisement before de-

claring for war.

The difficulty in the State Library at

Sacramento has thrown additional light

upon "Mimeograph Jim's" method of

poisoning public institutions. The

United States senate may not be the

repository of the wisdom and con-

servativeness of the country" it once

was, but it is still too big a place for

Governor Budd.

THE FIGHT MUST BE DIRECT.

A few years ago the Democratic party

told the people of these United States

that protection was the father of the

trusts, and if their party were given the

power they would wipe protection and

the trusts out of existence at one fell

swoop. The party was taken at its

word, with the result that an onslaught

was made upon the protective system,

and the trusts grew and flourished as

they never had before. The same party

is now in evidence again and is telling

the people that the existing financial

system is the parent of the trust, and

that the party is ready and anxious to

destroy the trusts by reforming that

system.

The absurdity of the proposition is

apparent to every thinking person, but

that party is apparently managed by

politicians who believe that majority

of American citizens are incapable of

thinking for themselves. The truth is

that the best authorities now recognize

the fact that trusts can only be eliminated

from our present system of doing

business by the enforcement of prohibitory

laws against combinations detrimental

to the public welfare. During the

last Democratic administration no effort

whatever was made to enforce the anti-

trust laws, but the contrast now being

made in the courts will determine

whether existing laws are sufficient for

their purpose. If they prove defective,

then new legislation must be had in

accordance with the requirements made

by the decisions of the courts.

A more preposterous idea was never

promulgated than the proposition that

the trusts can be destroyed by or

through financial legislation. There

would be just as much reason in assert-

ing that the free and unlimited issue of

paperbacks would destroy the liquor

traffic, a claim that we believe has never

been made by the fiat money people.

To attack the trusts with financial or

tariff reform is about as practicable a

proposition as the shooting of elephants

at long range with a pugun.

FEDERAL COURT FOR FRESNO.

Representative Castle is very indus-

trious in the matter of introducing bills

in congress designed to benefit Fresno,

but we will be better pleased if one or

two of them become law. The latest

measure introduced by Mr. Castle is par-

ticularly praiseworthy and its adoption

would give great satisfaction to the

people of the entire valley. It provides for

the creation of a new judicial district in

this state, to be known as the Central

California district and comprising the

counties of Stanislaus, Merced, Mariposa,

Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings and Kern.

Court is to be held in Fresno. It

is to be hoped that Mr. Castle will do

his utmost to secure the passage of this

bill. California needs third judicial

district and owing to its central location

and other advantages Fresno is

the proper place in which to

hold the sessions of the court. So far

as we have been able to observe the

other counties of this valley recognize

the justice of Fresno's claims in regard

to this matter, and will give us their

hearty support. The establishment of

a Central California judicial district

would in our opinion be a step in the

direction of economy, not to mention its

great convenience to the people of this

part of the state. It would also make

congress more inclined to appropriate

money for a public building in this city.

If the adoption of resolutions favoring

Mr. Castle's latest bill will have its

passage, by all means let the responsible

commercial bodies of the San Joaquin

valley take such action.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR ACT.

The REPUBLICAN is glad to see that the Knights of Labor have come out strongly in favor of the Lodge immigration bill, which seems in a fair way to be smothered in the house of representatives.

The executive board of the Knights has issued a stirring appeal to every state, district and local assembly that the individual members write at once to their Congressmen insisting that they use all their influence to secure the passage of the bill. The members of the order are also requested to influence every citizen they can reach to the same end.

HANSON wants the Fresno and Monterey road. Baby Kings ought to have a new name or something, but really, you know, Fresno can't spare that rail-road.

It is reported that there is a large over-production of oil in Los Angeles. Why not employ some of it in silencing the treacherous Democratic waters down there?

People who insist that President McKinley should declare war would be the first ones to protest if the President should take them at their word and use the prerogative of congress.

It is a rather significant fact that the most warlike of our statesmen are those whose laces, penates and other useful belongings are located farthest from the seaports towns on the opposite side of the continent.

TUNNELING WILL DO HIS DUTY.

We are suspicious that Senator Mason

has joined the staff of the San Francisco *Examiner*. It's hot stuff on Cuban affairs. If the President should ever

have a copy he would be surprised how near the cause to declaring war.

Both Senator Mason and the *Examiner* may be hot stuff on Cuban affairs, but neither has perverted anything "hotter," yellower or sillier than the evening paper, which appeared in the early paper at which the *Examiner* directs its arrows over the signature of Senator Mitchell. Come, be men! Brace up!The *Examiner* last evening tried to imitate Alfred Henry Lewis, but it failed miserably. This is a compliment to the evening paper, we know, but we must tell the truth in any event. Alfred Henry is in a class all by himself and is unapproachable. He is a courageous editor, a blunt blackguard, a frank identifier. There is none who knows so well how to exist vice or how to drag virtue into the dust. We freely acknowledge that it was ambitious in the *Examiner* to attempt to annihilate him, but it is with all kindness that we inform our contemporaries that this time it aimed a little too low.The *Oaklanders* are not as patient with each of their city fathers as range themselves against the public interest are the San Franciscans. Councilman Woodward, who voted the other night for water rates in excess of those that had been accomplished by President McKinley during the year he has been in office, was done in two years by Cleveland—In fact, the latter did practically nothing, while McKinley has accomplished much. He has wrung concessions after concession from the Spanish, and should the necessity arise to drop diplomacy and strike with the sword it may be depended upon that the sword would produce less revenue than the Wilson tariff.

THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE prints an editorial regarding the calm and steady

conduct of the Spanish in the present month. Next month a larger empire is confidently expected. This is very disheartening to the people who pay the most taxes that are interested in the Spanish empire.

The *Times* does not exchange with the papers that have been looking like a bad case of yellow jack ever since that sad occurrence.

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will accept his resignation.

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A. J. W.'S BUDGET

He Meets the Man Who Borrows.

And Finds That His Name Is Legion.

The Port Projects a Collection Tour—Speaks for the Park.

A tall, cadaverous chap walked into my office the other day. I did not know him from the grave of Adam, but he knew me. He said:

"Ah, Waterhouse, so glad to see you. You are looking as natural as could be. How is the wife?"

I assured him that she was quite well, and was still engaged in trying to find time for the business which life demanded shall be done.

"Glad to hear it," he said, "I always took a deep interest in your family. How is the baby?"

I told him that interesting member of the family appeared to be healthily happy.

Then he asked me how I liked my job and where it hurt the most and then he told me how he dotted on my writings and wanted to know if I would lend him \$375 until the next Saturday.

How was a man to refuse a person—even if he did not know him from the grave of Adam—who was friendly and appreciative as he? Of course a man could not do it. That Saturday has come and gone, but he has my \$375 yet. Probably this is due to forgetfulness on his part, but I would like to see that money.

I rehearse this little incident merely by way of illustrating the fact that former countrymen who live in the city have troubles of their own. I am pretty well known in the San Joaquin valley, and the man who came in the other day was merely one of an innumerable caravan. The people whom I had thought to be my friends rarely come to see me, but the men who want to borrow thirty-five or forty dollars like to do it. I have the impression that with all it has not that there's a better chance in hell and sake me how my family is feeling I much for my pocket-book. I found Little Short's card on my table some time ago. Probably he did not want to borrow money, but how is a man to tell? My experience leads me to think that it had not wanted he would not have called, although the fact that he did not call again is a circumstance in his favor.

Some of my callers are from Fresno, some from Merced, some from any other old place, but they all have the same idea.

I find it a great vexation to walk through the San Joaquin valley and collecting. There is no use in leaving hundreds of dollars lying around when one can just as well go out and gather in his own.

But why should not some of you Fresno people who are not short of funds drop in and see me?

I asked my state of health, and family and wife;

He said his wife was too cold for him in this;

He showed a friendly feeling for my mother and my wife;

And said he was anxious by the contour of my pants;

He spoke about my genius in a laudable and solemn tone;

And said that some day the world would claim it for its own;

He said he would humply touch a gift if it were given to him;

And then he said it can't be hid—he touched me for a V.

Oh, still the long days come to me and still they go again.

And now my soul is filled with bitter pain;

All day I walk a maze of doubt; all night my dreams are filled;

With each step uncertainty, nor will my fears be stilled;

For still he comes not to me; I wait in vain;

And still my memory of the past goes dimmer and more dim;

We were in such sort of chagrin, as friendly as we can be;

And yet he counts not the men who touched us for V.

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I observe that the opinions of citizens are being taken on the question whether or not Fresno should accept the donation of a few hundred acres of land for a park. That a divergence of opinion on such a thing is possible is among the things that create wonder in a rank outsider, such as myself. The offer of these acres was a generously splendid one; it seemed impossible that you could do other than to gratefully accept it, and yet there you are, arguing, discussing and filling the air with words pro and con about the matter. The thing would be unthinkable were it not that the condition exists and cannot be doubted.

And why is the acceptance of the land for a park opposed? Because, forsooth, it will cost \$300,000 annually to keep the park in condition. Oh, most weighty of reasons! In the average of you is assessed on \$500 worth of property, and you would give him, perhaps \$25 a year, the equal of a postage stamp every twenty days. The average of you will "blow in" the price of five postage stamps for bear claws on any day, but that you should give one postage stamp every twenty days to make the city of your home beautiful and attractive—ah, that thought is unsupportable!

And you need such beauty as a park would give. Whether you know it or not this is the case. I hear now talk of Fresno. "It is a good town," they say; and then they add that "but" there should be more that that. "but" there should be more that that. And so it goes.

It is true that you sit there through your long, hot summer days sufficed and seaweed, and place of comfort there is none. Would you go to the San Joaquin? It is ten miles away, and when you have reached it there is little to attract. Would you go to the Kings? It is seventeen miles distant, and the trip is too long to be often taken. You may sit on your veranda and bate, if you please, but there is none other place for you.

If there is a place beneath God's footstool that needs the shade, beauty and cooling, place a park where you will be able to get it.

Time will come when you will be able to get it more at home, and more where people like better. But for that very reason I would say you make of some town what it might be. If you do not need a park, no place does.

You cannot approach what you should be until you have it. A nickel is as large that it may obscure the sun, but it is better not to let it. Three thousand dollars a year Fresno is 20 cents apiece. If several hundred acres of park would not be worth that amount to you, why, you

should, and doubtless will, have the privilege of continuing to bask in your abundance of sunshine.

J. A. WATERHOUSE.

CLOVIS ITEMS.

A fine amateur dramatic entertainment—Baptist Revival.

"The Spy of Gettysburg" was produced at the Clovis opera house last Friday evening to a large and appreciative audience. It was well staged and acted, each character being sustained with much credit to the performer. Clovis amateurs whose work is superior to that of many professionals. It is understood they will give another play in the near future.

J. G. Ferguson was confined to his bed on Wednesday by indisposition.

The Southern Pacific Company's passenger crew have the depot nearly completed.

Dr. Harmon delivered a lecture at the M. E. church Wednesday evening.

A. C. Wren came down from Modena on his wheel Monday, returning via Fresno Tuesday morning.

Rev. Halliday, a Baptist evangelist, is holding a revival at the Baptist church this week. Rev. Frank of Fresno is expected out to help him.

K. E. Lee, a local boy, commenced the preliminary work for his new brick store. Excavation for the cellar began Tuesday.

Walt Judkins is going to have the Gun salvo building enlarged to twice its present size.

Mease, Musick, Ferguson, Coddington and Ewing will give an invitation tour on Friday evening, March 4th, at the McCord hall.

Our school teachers are deserving of much praise for the creditable manner in which they have conducted the Washington program on Tuesday evening, the flag drill being especially well executed. The hall was filled with people from Clovis and surrounding neighborhood, and all went home satisfied with the three hours' entertainment.

Alvin Cole is hauling brick from Fresno for Bob Good.

Mr. Cartwright drove over to Moreland county, just ask him how his boat got busted.

Dick N. Pohl.

Clovis, February 25, 1898.

UNION IS DEATH

People's Party Invited to Its Own Funeral.

Real Significance of the Manifestos Issued on Behalf of the Democratic Party.

The following is an editorial from the columns of the *Tulare Valley Citizen*, a Populist paper published at Visalia:

That long-looked for "address to the reform forces," which was promised by the press dispatches to be sent by the Populist leaders of the West, was not made last Friday in appearance—in fact, being triplets, we might more appropriately say, made their appearance. Each of them appeared in the *Examiner*, side by side, under the same heading, and as far as contents were concerned, could very appropriately have been contained in a single address, signed by Jim Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee. One of these addresses was signed by Mr. Jones, as chairman of that committee, another by Charles A. Towner, chairman of the People's party national committee, and the other was signed by Marion Butler, chairman of the People's party national committee, and it is claimed was indorsed by 25 senators and representatives of the

party.

There was a discussion about "Wheeler's" the pest torments in fact, without much pleasure, let it be said.

Resolved that the Hon. James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, who, we understand, is shortly to visit our state, and he is, urgently requested to take steps looking to the destruction of the pest; and,

Mr. R. S. Sayre is serving his term as president of the creation of a two-story, twenty room house, which will be for the accommodation of lodgers. The building will be large and well constructed.

A. D. O'Conor has commenced the construction of a neat four-room cottage, with all modern improvements, at the corner of M. and Tuolumne streets.

George Shierling has a neat six room cottage under construction at 1407 J street. It will be supplied with all modern conveniences and will make a pretty home.

O. N. New is building a seven-room modern residence at 1715 J street. It will be an ornament to that part of the town.

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JOHNSON GRASS

Electricity Will Destroy It.

The Novel Idea of Two Fresno Men.

Dawning of a New Era in Farming—No More Rows To Hoe.

From Thursday's Daily.

Several Fresno electrical experts are experimenting with an electrical apparatus for "electrocution" Johnson grass. Since the successful application of electricity to criminals whom it is desired to eliminate from existence experiments have been going on with the view of applying the same principle to obnoxious weeds. In this way the cares of farming would become a thing of the past and there would be no longer rows of stubborn weeds to hoe.

The farmer could sleep late in the morning and let his electrical current weed his fields by simply pressing a button. When such triumphs in the application of electricity are achieved no doubt there will be suitable apparatus for esterizing vine borers and other destructive insects and electrocuting them.

The Fresno experimenters propose to first construct a machine to destroy Johnson grass, as it is one of the most obnoxious plants with which our farmers have to contend. When it gets in a field it stays there and the sprouts multiply and spread until all other growth is destroyed. Many experiments have been made with a view to ridding fields of this curse, but have proved futile. Therefore a fortune awaits the man who can exterminate the weed at a nominal cost. He would also be hailed as a public benefactor. The experimenters, however, do not care for fame, but desire to secure the shekels that would result from the successful working of their apparatus.

Several well known Farmers are interested in the scheme and they have great faith in its practicability. The plan is to get a large traction engine and fit it up with an apparatus for generating electricity. The electricity will be applied to the Johnson grass through a jet of water which will form a perfect conductor. The current will pass over fields where the grass is thick and a jet of water will be played upon the growth. The electricity will pass through the grass, withering it to the ultimate roots.

It is claimed that the cost of killing grass in this way would be small compared with the present method of digging it out every few months.

The machine will go from farm to farm like a harvester, electrocuting the grass, and in this way be able to accommodate all who desire its services. The originators of the scheme do not desire that their names be given at present, as they have not completed their experiments, but they firmly believe in the ultimate success of the plan.

WEST PARK PARAGRAPHS.

Grain Prospects Very Poor—Jack Rabbits Doing Damage.

J. W. Bowen was visited by a nephew from Texas last week, who was on his way to Alaska.

Rain is scarce and rabbits are plentiful.

For some unknown reason rabbit drives are always held in the spring, when the water from irrigating ditches had dried up to dry over and the greatest possible amount of damage can be done to the grain sown where the drive is held. Jack rabbits have been thriving all year since last spring and now are destroying what small prospects many of the farmers have for a crop.

E. W. Jaeger and wife, who are members of the West Club, have removed to San Jose, and it being the evening of Saturday for the club to meet at their home the members took their blankets on the day mentioned and went with teams to the ranch of the host and made an all night stay. From what he learned a most enjoyable time was experienced by all.

F. P. Fanning and George Stone are away on a hunting trip in the Sierra Nevada.

J. W. Webb started for Humboldt county last week to make a stay of a month or six weeks.

A number of West Parkers have the Klondyke stampede still holding its own. The team next Sunday will play the Kroeger team and a week from Sunday a game from Fresno will come out and try their metal against the boys.

Grain crops will not amount to much this year if rain does not come soon. The season is getting to far advanced that grain will not have much time in which to make a good crop before heading out, unless rain sets in.

ALTA, CALIF.

BOXING CONTESTS.

Exhibition Being Arranged by the Athletic Club.

A boxing exhibition under the auspices of the Athletic Club is being arranged for the latter part of this month. The exact date has not yet been set, but the event will probably take place on the 25th instant.

A 10-round contest between Eldin Albin and John Morrissey will be the feature of the evening. Albin has a fine reputation as a local boxer and does some clever work. His opponent is a man that has been in several hard contests.

John Broad and Stanton Abbott will be opponents in a six-round bout. They are both expert boxers, and will make an interesting contest.

There will also be several preliminaries and perhaps Elmer Donahue and George Allen may be matched.

The exhibition will be given in Athletic hall.

THE GAME SEASON IS OVER.

Game Warden Andy D. Ferguson Will Enforce the Law Strictly.

About the only thing that the sportsmen can shoot at now is jack-rabbit, for the game season closed on March 1st for quail, ducks and rail. The dove season closed on the 16th of last month. The dove season will remain closed until about the middle of September, while quail, ducks and rail will be protected until October 1st next.

Andy D. Ferguson, the game warden, stated yesterday that as yet no regulations had been issued by any violations of the law had been announced his intention to begin a sharp lookout for hunters who do not heed the provisions of the law and will cause the arrest of all individuals whom he catches shooting at any season.

William Quanion, arrested for vagrancy, was up before Recorder Clark yesterday. He demanded a jury trial and his case was set for Saturday.

WHEATVILLE WHITTLINGS.

To Pump Water for Irrigation. Grain "Out of Sight."

I notice in your paper items from various small cities around "Imperial Fresno" and not like to see our charming little city behind the times I send you an account of our doings, for a week or so, to let you know that although we are all here and not asleep.

William Deven of Fresno has been over to the ranch of Frank Harris, supervising the erection of a pump for the purpose of irrigation. It is a large centrifugal pump, run by a common three-horse engine. The engine is in the large dimension, and it is hoped the water will flow in fast enough to keep it up. If it proves a success it will mark the beginning of a new era in irrigation, for this country is entirely dependent upon the rain and overflow from the streams.

Mr. Ainsworth of Crescent met Mr. Lardeur of New Hope the other day and asked him how his grass was looking. "Out of sight," responded Mr. Lardeur, with a sad but hopeful smile.

Mrs. Whitside was called to Los Angeles a week ago to be beside her father, who was dangerously ill and had since died. This bereaved daughter has the deepest sympathy of her Wheatville friends.

Tom Goochell went to San Francisco this morning.

There will be social dance in the hall of Charles Matchett on the 11th of March.

All respectable people are cordially invited to attend as a good time is guaranteed. Don't be afraid of getting your toes stepped on, for the barn is \$10. Admission \$1, including all the dance and supper you want. The barn is two and a half miles north of Wheatville.

A masquerade will be given at Crescent school house on April 1st. Mr. Whitfield, March 2, 1898.

A FLATTERING OPINION.

What Belgian Critic Thinks of Imperial Fresno.

Among the thousands of copies of "Imperial Fresno" which were sent away, there was one forwarded by Gustave Lapiot to a Belgian and connoisseur, G. Van Iselle, who is at present living in Brussels, Belgium.

Mr. Van Iselle is a book and art critic, and his comments on "Imperial Fresno" are quite flattering. He says that for beauty, finish, quality of paper and clearance of impression, the work is equal to the best known in France or Belgium.

ANNUAL MEETING.

A Reception Given by the King's Daughters.

The Charitable Objects of the Order Explained in Interesting Papers.

A PUGNACIOUS DEAF MUTE.

Shows Fight Because He Was Refused Liquor.

"Don't give Cronin anything to drink." He is on the warpath this evening" was the message telephoned to Ed Schwarz at the New Palm Garden last evening. Cronin is a deaf mute and together with his wife, who is similarly afflicted, conducts a lodging house in the old portion of Los Angeles. Last Friday night he was last traveling the road toward Glendale at state's prison, but this time did not return from the prison to their home. Now that they have been separated, their surroundings, the boys, the girls, the maid and the cook realize the disgrace that they have brought upon themselves.

The names of the young men are not given because this is their first offense.

It is hoped that their present unfortunate position may be a lesson to them to be more careful in the future.

Another dance will be held at the Frackwood district on the 12th instant.

FOOLISH CLERKS.

Disgraced by Pool Room Gambling.

They Embezzle Money to Play the Races.

Two Young Men Are Dismissed for Defrauding Their Employer.

A FOOLISH BUSINESS.

"Pool room gambling has caused the downfall of the young men," said a man yesterday upon learning that two friends employed as clerks had been discharged from their positions in disgrace because they embezzled their employer's money.

There is deep humiliation in two highly respected families because of the downfall of these young men for whom their parents had fondly planned a bright future. The young men had gained the implicit confidence of their employer and betrayed their trust. They collected money upon bills and did not account for it. In this manner the young men were exposed.

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HOME TRADE IS BOOMING

Orders That Cannot
Be Filled.

Eastern Commercial Houses
Are Busy.

The Magic Word Klondyke Lends
Assistance to the Western
Outfitting Trade.

New York, February 25.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

White business of a speculative nature has been quiet to reflect the increasing strain in political affairs in reduced values and withdrawals or entanglements of activity in some lines, there is little to indicate that the volume of distributive trade has been reduced, and reports to Bradstreet this week, so far as the latter branch of business is concerned, are among the best received this year.

With few important exceptions, the price situation is one of strength, while the enlarged demand for coarse grain is taken to reflect the turning of attention from high priced cereals to those of a lower priced character. At the East last week a spurt in the dry goods trade at Boston does not seem to have held, but at New York there is considerable more doing in the jobbing trade. The cotton situation is one of firmness, reflecting a less curtailment of production growing out of labor troubles and the flattening of raw cotton induced by a good export demand.

Wool is firm, but the demand has perceptibly slackened and there is less doing in manufactured goods. The best report as to the distribution trade made so far this year comes from the central West. Spring trade reported earlier than usual.

Kansas City, perhaps the most important market for agricultural implements in the country, reports the demand exceeding all records and sales limited only by the ability to deliver orders. The demand for iron and steel at the west still continues large and prices are firm. A feature of Chicago trade has been the placing of an order for 5000 tons of steel rails for a railroad in Alaska. Almost equally good reports are coming northwest, where trade reported earlier fully equal to that of last year. The south seems to have entered the spring season to a notable extent. The word "Klondyke" scarcely pictures the situation on the Pacific Coast. All eyes appear to be fixed on the outfitting trade and the transportation of man and supplies to the north.

Exports of wheat, including flour from this country and Canada during the past week (five days) aggregating 3,722,459 bushels against 3,622,744 bushels last week; and only 183 against 229 last week; 253 in the corresponding week of 1897, 271 in 1896. Business failure to the amount of Can\$100,000 in the donation of Canada this week number 45 against 38 last week; 50 in this week a year ago and 51 in 1896.

New York, February 25.—R. G. Due & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say tomorrow: Foreign possibilities have much effected speculation and caused hesitation in some large business operations, possibly accounting in part for a check in the rapid advance in wheat, but industrial production continues larger than ever, a few minor world beings added to the total. There is a decided increase in the number of hands on strike and remained evidence that the volume of business is larger than in February of any previous year. Not is there any symptom of a general craze based on rising prices. The legitimate export demand seems to press closer to the capacity of works, and though there is no slight advance in any line, and in all narrowness of profit in a matter of complaint, new business this fall season is unprecedented.

Wheat continued its progress upward until \$1.03 per bushel was reached, Monday, but declined 3½¢ on the day there were fears that Spanish sailors would stop British vessels from taking wheat across the water. Any yielding loan on foreign possibilities leaves little margin, but the price has advanced about 10¢ since Chicago speculators last took occasion to shake off weak followers, and the opportunity for reaction was lost.

There is no shaking off foreign demand. Atlantic exports were 1,985,814 bushels, flour included, for the week against 1,226,411 last year, and Pacific exports 1,578,756 against 136,402 last year and in view of current excitement these figures are more important than the aggregate for four weeks, 10,395,912 bushels against 6,389,415 last year from Atlantic ports and 4,563,035 against 401,216 from Pacific ports. Corn exports for the week were 14.5 per cent higher than last, but the spot price declined but slightly. The spot price of cotton was not affected.

It is not the reason for much importance in textile manufacture, but the cotton branch has gained by the closing of the strike in one Fall River mill established by the addition of new works at the south. The woolen manufacturer meets many cancellations, especially in goods sold earlier than definite price, but in doing more than ever at this season though new business in the higher grades of worsteds and woollens is not particularly encouraging.

Sales of wool and mohair, with weakness in clothing, amounting to about 2 tons daily, are at a high point, indicating that the mills will be present abundant stocks by the time the spring begins in order to take supplies of other qualities. In goods of medium and low grades the demand continues large. The silk manufacturer shows reasonable increase during the last six months, having imported raw material for excess of consumption in any previous year and at a rate 120 per cent above the imports in the last census year.

The iron manufacture has more demand, for products and slightly better prices for heavier pig, which has advanced to \$10.00 at Pittsburg, with gray iron, foundry castings, etc., local coke strong at Chicago, etc., while some Southern weakness and Eastern anthracite really unchanged, though quotations are a shade lower. No finished products have changed in price and all are strong in demand, excepting bar, which a combination has failed to advance.

Some large contracts are reported, especially in car and bridge building, ship and structural work, and the demand for sheets is heavy. Minor metal change but little, in weakening a shade to 11 cents with large receipts.

New York, February 25.—Bradstreet's financial review tomorrow will say: Under the influence of the Maine disaster the stock market was unsettled at the opening, but gradually quieted down on Monday, the market then showing a decided desire to enter into speculative operations. On Wednesday, in the face of heavy losses by London, the market showed increased weakness and liquidation tend-

encies and continued this course on Thursday, breaking with some violence. Some large interests were purchasers of the specialties, such activity being prominent in the Vanderbilt stock, in People's Gas and Rock Island and in the Pacific and Kansas and Texas.

The bear party were, however, very active in the progress of the decline. Through the week the traction stocks and sugar were especially unstable and ready to yield, indicating both that the prices for them had been put on an artificial level and that they could rise and attract considerable buying. Buoyancy of all kinds regarding alleged difficulties about the loss of the Maine and the probable effect on our relations with Spain had been received and the market was too demoralized on Thursday to take notice of favorable circumstances, such as the drop in exchange rates in response to the advance in money here and the accompanying possibility that any future rise in interest here would have the effect of attracting gold from the other side of the Atlantic.

RYAN THE WINNER.

A Fight in Which Neither Man
Bore a Mark.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 25.—It took Tommy Ryan eighteen roundabouts of George Green tonight. From a spectator's point of view it was a beautiful exhibition of clever boxing. Neither man showed a mark of punishment at the finish and the audience clattered until after the thirteenth round, when Ryan's superior stamina began to tell.

He seemed the most effective in close work from the point on and his left jab on the face and short arm and right hand blow on the body took the life out of the focal man. At no time could Ryan hold his right on Green's jaw effectively while Green went in several good rights to the jaw and head at close range. Ryan's superior ring generalship helped him to win the fight. Handled Green to his feet in the early stages of the contest and came with a rush at the finish.

The fight was before the National Athletic Club and a crowd of 450 spectators was present. Joe Walcott sent a message from New York challenging the winner.

Imports of Gold.

New York, February 25.—Bendelbeck, Leibelheimer & Company have engaged \$700,000 in gold for shipment from France tomorrow to the United States. Von Hoffman & Company will import \$750,000 in gold, partly from France and partly from England on steamers leaving there next week. The National City Bank has engaged \$600,000 in gold for shipment from England tomorrow. Other banking houses have imports in prospect.

The Strangler Won.

RACINE, Wis., February 25.—Evan Lewis, the "strangler," and Jack King, the Coriell champion, met in a five-stone wrestling match here tonight for a purse. Lewis won, gaining three falls in four.

Home for Aged Priests.

SAN DIEGO, February 25.—M. Henri Ettmeyer, who is said to hold a commission from Pape Leo, is in this city and the purpose of his visit is reported to be the selection of a site for a home for aged priests.

Full of Years and Honors.

New York, February 25.—Mrs. Mary Vandersee de Hart, widow of Captain W. D. Hart, who was chief of staff for General Winfield Scott in the Mexican war, died at her home at Elizabeth, N. J., today in her 85th year.

FROM THE NORTH

Gold Dust Is Not So Plentiful Now.

Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis Springing Up Along the Dawson Trail—Relief Expedition.

SEATTLE, Wash., February 25.—The steam schooner Noyo, which arrived here today from Skagway, Alaska, brings news which, if true, will probably cause international complications. Parties arriving at Skagway before the Noyo had circulated the report that Canadian mounted police had raised the British flag at Summit Lake, which is twelve miles from Skagway and fourteen miles inside of the American line as at present defined. Captain Lindquist of the Noyo says the report had not been verified when he left Skagway and that he places little credence in it.

The Noyo also brings news of many symptoms of seagoing fever resulting from cold and exposure. On Friday, February 14, 1898, the body of Mrs. C. H. Cox, a widow, was brought into Skagway. It was impossible to learn the names of any of them. All died from what is called cerebro-spinal meningitis, which is quite prevalent in Skagway and along the trail. It has its origin in exposure and a lack of sufficient clothing to withstand the severe cold.

The Noyo had as passengers three Dawsonites, who stopped at Juneau. They were James Brownell, Frank Leroy and L. S. Frank. They report having brought out about \$60,000 worth of gold dust and drags from the interior. Stormy weather was encountered by the Noyo. Thirty-one vessels were passed bound for the north.

SEATTLE, Wash., February 25.—The pack train detachment of the government Alaskan relief expedition, which had been lying at Durango bay, B. C., since November 26, has at last started for Dyas today, a town having been reached until 8 o'clock, the region to be devoted to mining pass in hills.

A DAY'S TALK IN CONGRESS

Not Worrying About Spain.

Mr. Corbett's Seat Vexes the Senate.

The House Occupied Chiefly in Discussing River and Harbor Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, February 25.—Hon. H. W. Corbett's right to a seat in the senate from Oregon was under consideration by the senate for five hours today. Mr. Spooner, of Wisconsin, in a few words concluded the speech which he began yesterday in favor of Mr. Corbett and was followed by Mr. Teller of Colorado. Mr. Teller spoke in support of the resolution presented by a majority of the committee. He said that when the Senate was before the senate in 1893 he had taken the same position now taken by Mr. Spooner. He had, he said, come to recognize this question as one of constitutional interpretation, but he felt that the senate was under obligation to the people to make such a decision as would accord with the facts presented. In conclusion Mr. Teller declared his intention to stand in this case by the decision reached by the senate in the Martin case in 1893.

On the way down the Topka spoke of the Corrora and brings word from Captain Corrora that she can be raised. Divers found no large holes in her hull and what hole were found had been stopped and the water pumped out and everything was in readiness to resume the search. That powerfully assisted in this legislature. Mr. Turner of Washington followed in an extended and carefully prepared speech in favor of seating Mr. Corbett. He said he would vote for Mr. Corbett's admission, although he regretted that the applicant for admission was not in his opinion more nearly right in his political views.

Mr. Tully of Tennessee, a member of the committee on privileges and elections, said that the house would hold a committee of inquiry to look into the Corrora.

Junoan is a calm fishing and there is

only sufficient fresh meat in town to last from one boat to another.

The weather has been something terrible for a week past, cyclonic gales have been blowing continuously and the thermometer has been from zero to nine below.

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At 5:15 p.m. the winds went into extreme section and at 5:35 adjourned.

WATERFALLS.

NICARAGUA CANAL

Commission Will Report in May.

Railroads Can No Longer Retard It.

Interesting Letter Received Here From Consul Merry.

Costa Rica.

A. J. Potts, one, who was connected with the old A.R.R. for a number of years and who is now representing a mercantile firm, registered at the Hughes hotel last night.

Mr. Pinkstone is in receipt of an interesting letter from William L. Merry, Consul at Costa Rica, written at San Jose, that republic, February 13th. A portion of the letter reads as follows:

"I am much pleased with this little city of San Jose, in the middle of the Costa Rica mountains, 107 miles by rail from Port Limon, on the Caribbean sea, and 60 miles by car road from Puntarenas on the Pacific. Four thousand feet above sea level, it enjoys a cool climate—cooler than Los Angeles—the year around. Macadamized streets, fine parks, electric lights, well policed and clean, it shows evidences of a high civilization I did not expect. We have also one of the finest theaters in America, owned by the government, which cost \$2,500,000, silver."

The Legation was received with every possible honor, and my relations with the government are very pleasant. I have the Legation fixed at the best hotel in town—Hotel Europa. There was no private house suitable and as my family remains at New York until summer it is the best I could do.

"I am pleased to write that the canal looks better, and I am encouraged to hope that my unrequited labor of years for the people of the Pacific coast and for our country is likely to be fruition in the near future. The railroad committee of the canal cannot overestimate the necessary legislation. The United States Government Nicaraguan Canal Commission is now on the fast part of its rigid examination, and Admiral Walker, the chief, hopes to make a preliminary report in May. I am confident that the commission will name a lower cost figure than the Lindow commission (\$15,000,000).

The Chicago Citizens' Canal Commission, headed by Lyman E. Cooley, chief engineer, the leading spirit in the great Chicago drainage canal, and thirteen commissioners, and Mr. George, have also made an examination of the route and called here for three days en route homeward. Cooley is the greatest living expert in canal construction, and his company here are all practical men. They are generally pleased with the Mexican survey, but will recommend some important improvements, which will make a better canal at less cost.

MARKARIAN-PATIGIAN.

The Marriage Ceremony Performed in Armenian and English.

The wedding of Henry Markarian and Miss Patigian took place Saturday evening at Nichols' hall, which was prettily decorated for the occasion.

The father of the groom, Melkon Markarian, is well known in this city, being one of its earliest settlers. Mr. Patigian and family very recently arrived from Armenia.

The bride was attired most festively in white silk, with veil and orange blossoms.

The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. L. T. Birchard, the ceremony being first read in the Armenian language and then in English. Mr. Halig Pashian was groomsman and Miss Anna Vartanian maid of honor.

Several portions of the Scripture were read, after which Gagik Hohannesian and Mr. Fafian spoke a few words to the happy couple.

NEW OIL SECTION

Kettleman Plains Being Prospected.

Four Wells Going Down—Development at Oil City Still Continues.

E. F. Graham, an oil well prospector, was in Fresno yesterday. He is boring a well in the Kettleman plains district, southwest of Huron, near the Coast Range foothills. No flowing wells have yet been discovered in this district, but the prospects are good for striking several gushers. Four wells are being put down and the district is being thoroughly prospected.

There are many indications of oil in the Kettleman plains. Crude tar and asphaltum deposits are found in many places. The asphaltum deposits may become very valuable some day, as there are indications of large quantities of the paving material. Oil bubbles up from the groundings and the section is being followed by experts in developing oil fields.

Wells are being put down by the following companies: Cenfield and Chanceler of Oil City, the Baby King Company, the Kings County Oil Company and the Consolidated Oil and Development Company. The wells have not reached a sufficient depth yet to strike the oil strata, but some good reports are promised in a few weeks.

Five new wells are being put down at Oil City, near Coalinga. There is general activity in this district, as a number of paving wells have been struck. There are also findings wells and the output amounts to six barrels a day.

The oil wells are from 700 to 1,000 feet deep. The best well in the district is owned by Cenfield & Chanceler. It is turning out 100 barrels of petroleum a day.

The development of the oil district affords profitable work for a large number of men. Every other industry on the West Side is languishing, owing to the drought. The country is bare and dry and even the wild flowers are not blooming this year. There is an absence of green feed for the sheep and the herds have driven their flocks away into the mountains.

Entertainment at Lone Star. Lone Star gave an entertainment last Saturday evening to raise money for the purpose of providing seats for the pupils of the new school house. This fair was successful, \$2 having been taken at the door. An entertainment program was arranged, after which the ladies of the district served coffee and cake.

Six Months for Petty Larceny. George Brooks, who stole a pair of curtain panels from in front of Peterson's store on Mariposa street Monday evening, pleaded guilty in Recorder Clark's court yesterday and was sentenced to six months in the county jail. Brooks completed a 12-day sentence for vagrancy Monday morning.

Angus Goes to Madera.

Angus Clark, who has been working for the Fresno Abstract Company, left for Madera yesterday to accept a position in the Modena abstract office. Ed McCord, proprietor of the latter, owing to the demands of his other interests, was compelled to secure additional assistance for conducting the abstract business.

What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation, and biliousness? These ills experience them who would become perfectly healthy by using DeWitt's Little Easy Pill, the famous little pills. Dr. O. P. Cook, druggist, 1730 Mariposa street,

Frasier E. Willard Memorial.

There will be a memorial service in honor of the late Frances E. Willard under the auspices of New Dow Lodge, I. O. O. F., next Friday evening at Edgerton Hall. The program will be as follows: "America," by the Baird orchestra; invocation by Rev. A. A. Graves; address, Rev. W. M. French; address, Rev. F. F. Coulter. Members of the W. U. T. H. and others are invited to attend the services.

Mrs. Mary E. Sparber of Oray, Colorado, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. L. Maxwell of this city.

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Frances E. Willard Memorial.

There will be a memorial service in honor of the late Frances E. Willard under the auspices of New Dow Lodge, I. O. O. F., next Friday evening at Edgerton Hall. The program will be as follows: "America," by the Baird orchestra; invocation by Rev. A. A. Graves; address, Rev. W. M. French; address, Rev. F. F. Coulter. Members of the W. U. T. H. and others are invited to attend the services.

Mrs. Mary E. Sparber of Oray, Colorado, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. L. Maxwell of this city.

Lodge Items.

Washington's Birthday Celebrated by Pupils.

The Washington memorial exercises were held at night. A good display of juvenile oratorical took place.

The quarterly meeting of the M.E. Church South was held on Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Cason, presiding elder, was present for the Coroner. Perhaps there is something suggestive about the name.

Alexander Young triply died Saturday morning of heart failure. The Coroner was expected, but relatives came for the remains.

Wellington Root made a trip to King's last night. The parties are going to the coast in a few days.

The rain has made bright conundrums. Penns. Lo're, February 28, 1898.

YOUTHFUL PETTY THIEVES

Were Given Conditional Sentences by Justice Austin.

Chester Owens and Stoneman Akers, two small lads caught stealing sacks and beer bottles from behind the Japanese restaurant Monday, were tried in Justice Austin's court yesterday. They were too youthful to incarcerated in the county jail and the Justice gave each a conditional sentence which will not go into effect while the boys continue to behave well. Owens was given a six month's sentence and Akers a forty days' sentence. The boys have had a bad reputation.

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